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Applicant: KOMMA
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Title: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL LENS, OPTICAL HEAD APPARATUS, OPTICAL INFORMATION APPARATUS, COMPUTER, OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM PLAYER, CAR NAVIGATION SYSTEM, OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM RECORDER, AND OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM SERVER

Examiner: A. Lavarias
Group Art Unit: 2872
Docket: 10873.1356US01

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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

English abstracts have been included for the cited Japanese references. Partial English translations have been included for the documents authored by Nishioka, et al. and Kaiho, et al.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, OR
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As required under §1.97(e), Applicants hereby state either that:

- ☐ 1. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
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- ☒ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. Copies of two of the following U.S. patent publications are enclosed. Serial No. 11/167,490 is a continuation of Serial no. 10/453,073, therefore a copy of the appropriate U.S. patent publication is not enclosed.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
11/167,490	US 2005/249099	June, 27, 2005	2872
10/789,309	US 2004/170106	February 26, 2004	2655
10/453,073	US 2003/227858	June, 2, 2003	2872

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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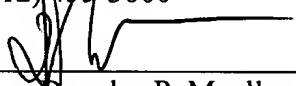
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	6, 449, 095	September 2002	Ohtaki et al.				
	6,898,168	May, 2005	Kimura et al.				
	2001/0000135	April, 2001	Mori et al.				
	6,992,967	January, 2006	Jeong				
	2003/227858	December, 2003	Komma				
	2004/170106	September, 2004	Komma				
	2005/249099	November, 2005	Komma				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	11-23819	January, 1999	Japan			Abstract	
	9-306018	November, 1997	Japan			Abstract	
	2001-93179	June, 2001	Japan			Abstract	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		Nishioka, et al., "BD/DVD/CD Compatible Optical Pick-up Technology", Extend Abstracts (The 50th Spring Meeting 2003); The Japan Society of Applied Physics and Related Societies, 27 p-ZW-10, Kanagawa University, March 2003 (with partial translation)					
		N. Kaiho, et al., "DVD/CD Compatibility using Blu-ray Disc Pick Up", Extended Abstracts (The 63rd Autumn Meeting, 2002); The Japan Society of Applied Physics, No. 3, September 2002, 27p-YD-5, pp.1008 (with partial translation)					

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